REMARKS:

Claims 1-8 are in the case and presented for consideration.

Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to eliminate the reference to multiple dependencies and to place the same in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Entry of the above is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Michalos Reg. No. 28,643

Attorney for Applicants

(845) 359-7700

Dated: January 27, 2004

NOTARO & MICHALOS P.C. 100 Dutch Hill Road, Suite 110 Orangeburg, New York 10962-2100